Supply of fried fish to the Central Prison.

205. **MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*): As regards the fried fish supplied by contractors to the Central Prison, will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Superintendent always insists upon each consignment having a certificate of the officer in charge of the fish-curing yard, as required by the contractor's agreement and laid down in the notice of auction of the contract for the supply of articles for that institution; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, whether they will call for from the Superintendent and lay on the table the certificates produced during the last six months of the current year (1102)?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The answer is in the affirmative.

(*b*) The Superintendent reports that as the certificates are intended only for the passing of the consignment inside the Jail, they have not been filed hitherto.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): May I know whether a single certificate would be made available to the members of the House?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The Superintendent has reported that the certificates awarded have been destroyed.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): May I know whether the certificates were deliberately destroyed?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Probably the rules do not require their preservation. Certificates are only for temporary use.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Am I to understand that even a single certificate is not now with the Superintendent?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I will enquire.

Travancore Map for the use of Vernacular Schools.

206. **MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether Mr. Cheriyan, the Chief Inspector of Vernacular Schools, has prescribed for the use of the various schools under him a Travancore map which was not brought to the notice, consideration and approval of the Text-Book Committee; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, the name of the author of the map, and whether Mr. Cheriyan has the power to prescribe the map without reference to the Text-Book Committee?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) No, but it is reported that the Inspector purchased and supplied to a large number of departmental schools under him copies of a historical map of *Keralam* which had neither been considered nor approved of by the Text-Book Committee. Generally maps are not considered by the Text-Book Committee.

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[Mr. K. George.]

(*b*) The author of the map referred to is Mr. T. S. Nelliappa Aiyar.

The Inspector has the power to purchase and supply to the departmental schools under him such educational appliances as he considers satisfactory to the extent of the funds placed at his disposal or the purpose.

Raising the Women's College to the First Grade.

207. **MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*): Will the Government be pleased to call for and lay on the table the report of the Syndicate on the affiliation of the College for Women as a First Grade College to the University of Madras.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The Government have no information regarding any report of the Syndicate. The Registrar has forwarded an extract from the report of the Inspection Commission appointed to conduct a local enquiry at the College and a copy of this extract* is laid on the table. The Registrar has stated that "the Syndicate is not pleased to grant the request for affiliation in the present circumstances".

Maintenance of the Ryots' Road to Tiruvanmandur.

208. **MR. KALLUR NARAYANA PILLAI** (*Pattanamtitta*): (1) Are the Government aware:

(*a*) of a four-mile road constructed by the people from the neighbourhood of the 76th mile of the M. C. road to the place called Tiruvanmandur;

(*b*) of the representation in the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly praying for the handing over of this road to the Public Works Department;

(*c*) of petitions to the same purpose from the people of the locality submitted to the Government from the time of Dewan Mr. Krishnan Nair;

(*d*) that the construction of five culverts alone will not make it a cart-road;

(*e*) of the sufferings of the people of the locality for want of a cart-road; and

(*f*) of the visit of the present Chief Engineer to the place and of his promise to the people that the said road would be taken charge of by the Public Works Department?

(2) Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are prepared to issue orders to make the said road a cart-road?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (1) (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

* *Vide* Appendix V—pages 980—986.

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